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Pre Application of

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For: **METHOD FOR PROCESSING SHEET MATERIAL****PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

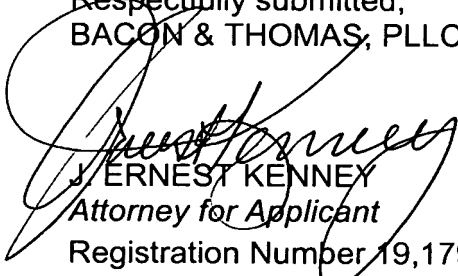
Prior to calculation of the filing fees and examination on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown on the appended APPENDIX OF CLAIMS, which includes amended and non-amended claims. Also appended hereto an APPENDIX OF MARKED UP CLAIMS showing the changes which have been made.

REMARKS

This amendment is made to reduce the filing fees and to better conform to U.S. claim format. Applicant reserves all rights to the original claimed subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,
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